

The Honorable John H. Chun

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

P. POE 5, and P. POEs 2 through 4 and 6 through 75, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, a Washington public corporation; PERRY TAPPER, Director of Public Records and Open Public Meetings at the University of Washington, in their official capacity,

Defendants,

and

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, INC., a Virginia nonstock corporation, and NORTHWEST ANIMAL RIGHTS NETWORK, a Washington nonprofit corporation,

Intervenor-Defendants.

No. 2:24-cv-00170-JHC

SECOND DECLARATION OF
MARI OSTENDORF RE:
DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO
THE MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

I, MARI OSTENDORF, state as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.

2. I am the Vice Provost for Research at the University of Washington, a position I

have held since September 2021. I joined the University of Washington in 1999 and am an

Endowed Professor of System Design Methodologies in the Electrical and Computer

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1 Engineering Department. During my time at the University I have served in several
2 administrative capacities, including serving as Associate Vice Provost for Research in the Office
3 of Research since 2017 until my appointment as the Vice Provost for Research.

4 3. As the Vice Provost for Research, I supervise the Institutional Official who
5 oversees the University Office of Animal Welfare, who coordinates the Institutional Animal
6 Care and Use Committee (IACUC, generally pronounced “eye-a-cook”) on behalf of the
7 University. Federal law and regulations require all research facilities receiving federal funding
8 and using species that fall under the Animal Welfare Act in research, teaching, or testing to have
9 an IACUC. It is a compliance committee that reviews animal research protocols, changes to
10 protocols, and adverse incidents.

11 4. There are approximately 34-40 members and alternate members of the IACUC at
12 any given time. Service on the IACUC is voluntary and unpaid. Although service is voluntary,
13 for tenured faculty or those seeking tenure, service on the IACUC can be considered “service”
14 for purposes of evaluating whether a faculty member is meeting their academic responsibilities
15 of scholarship and research, teaching, and service.

16 5. The University has appointed approximately 20 members to the IACUC since
17 March 2021. Some of these members are current University employees.

18 6. On February 2, 2024, my office sent an email to 33 people, current and former
19 members or alternate members of the University’s IACUC, potentially impacted by pending
20 records requests and for whom we had current contact information, notifying them that the
21 *Sullivan* injunction had expired earlier in January, and informing them of how the University
22 intended to proceed vis a vis pending and future public records requests. A true and correct copy
23 of that communication is attached as Exhibit A.
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8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED this 17 day of March 2025.

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Mari Ostendorf

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Vice Provost